

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
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Thompson/Oakdale Avenue Feasibility Study – Final Report

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Over the past year, City Staff has been working with Dakota County and Kimley Horn to develop a bicycle and pedestrian study along both Thompson and Oakdale Avenues. West St. Paul received an Active Living grant through the county in order to conduct this study, including gathering site information, community input, and developing preliminary engineering plans. The process to develop this plan included multiple outreach efforts, including meeting with community groups and stakeholders, commissions, City Council, as well as a public open house.

This plan will serve as a guide if/when funding is secured for pedestrian improvements along these corridors in the future. Additionally, a detailed report can help to improve scoring on federal grant opportunities, showing that the plan has been thoroughly and properly vetted. For example, this report is expected to increase favorability of the Regional Solicitation Grant application the City submitted last month.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff requests that the Council review and accept the attached study.

ATTACHMENTS:

Final Draft of Study
Resolution